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The Honorable Aaron Woods The Honorable David Gomberg Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 5534

Dear Senator Woods and Representative Gomberg,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 5534 as introduced.

PacifiCorp is an integrated electric utility serving two million customers in six states in the Pacific Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions. In Oregon, we operate as Pacific Power and serve 620,000 customers.

Senate Bill 5534 ensures the Public Utility Commission can continue to execute the research, analysis, and technical support, and conduct the rulemakings and hearings that regulated utilities – like Pacific Power – rely on to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality service.

Following the passage of major policy initiatives in the 2021 Legislative Session, the budget accounts for the Commission's increased and more technical workload, and advancement in technology across the energy sector.

Coupled with our continued engagement with the Commission, the budget limits outlined in Senate Bill 5534 will further enable us to keep customer rates reasonable, as we comply with Oregon's clean energy policy goals.

Sincerely,

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